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## **Jelinek and Nitz Announce Volunteer Investment Grant**

*Legislators are pleased the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan is awarded grant*

**LANSING-** Senator Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, and Representative Neal Nitz, R-Baroda, today announced that a \$60,000 Michigan Volunteer Investment Grant (VIG) has been awarded to the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan. The grant requires the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan to raise \$1 locally for each VIG dollar it receives.

“The Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan helps with so many projects in our community and they do such a wonderful job,” Jelinek said. “This group definitely deserves every dollar of this grant.”

“This group has been demonstrating how effective they are for quite some time,” Nitz added. “I am happy to announce they will be receiving the Volunteer Investment Grant to continue to help in our community.”

Michigan’s Volunteer Investment Grants are awarded by the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) to community-based non-profit organizations or colleges and universities that have a volunteer resource center serving the community.

The MCSC, the administrator of Michigan’s VIG, funds and supports programs that encourage all Michigan residents to volunteer. Annually, the MCSC grants more than \$7.5 million in federal funds and \$780,000 in state funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. Find out more about the MCSC by visiting [www.michigan.gov/mcsc](http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc).

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